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# CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

## 24-HOUR REPORT

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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Kings County – 12 Nuestra Familia Gang Members Charged with Federal Drug Trafficking

(U) A federal grand jury returned a 13-count superseding indictment against 12 Nuestra Familia gang members and associates. The suspects were originally charged earlier this year, along with 40 others, as part of a multi-agency investigation into the prison-based gang's criminal activities. The superseding indictment adds three additional federal drug charges, including a charge for conspiracy to distribute more than 500-grams of cocaine. The defendants face a range of maximum sentences.

SOURCE: 18 November 2019, [Porterville Recorder](#)

### (U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

#### (U) Texas – Nine Arrested in Smuggling Attempt Following High-Speed Chase

(U) Presidio County – Nine people were arrested in a smuggling attempt following a high-speed chase. After failing to yield to US Border Patrol agents, the vehicle headed towards the Shafter area weaving into oncoming traffic. The vehicle was eventually stopped by gunfire and all individuals were found and arrested, including a US citizen attempting to smuggle the others into the country.

SOURCE: 18 November 2019, [CBS 7](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) Louisiana – Apparent 'Ransom' Attack Cripples State Government; Some Services Back Online

(U) Baton Rouge – An apparent "ransom" attack crippled much of the Louisiana state government after it was hit by a "ransomware attack." The attack forced a shutdown of state agency websites as well as internet and email access. The State's Office of Technology Services immediately initiated security protocols out of an abundance of caution. The protocols included taking down state servers which is what impacted numerous state services. The state did not pay a ransom and continues to monitor the attempted ransomware attack.

SOURCE: 18 November 2019, [KNOE](#)

#### (U) Oklahoma – Three Dead after Shooting in Walmart Parking Lot

(U) Duncan – Three people are dead after a shooting at an Oklahoma Walmart. Police received a call about a shooting in the parking lot of Walmart and officials confirmed three people were deceased. The shooter is among those dead on scene and a handgun was discovered on scene by police.

SOURCE: 18 November 2019, [KFOR News](#)

#### (U) Virginia – US Coast Guard Seizure Yields \$69 million Worth of Cocaine

(U) Portsmouth – The crew of a US Coast Guard Cutter intercepted a semi-submersible smuggling vessel in international waters off the Eastern Pacific Ocean, and seized approximately 5,000-pounds of cocaine. The crew was alerted to the presence of a suspected narcotic-trafficking vessel by patrol aircraft, boarded the vessel, and detained four suspected smugglers. Coast Guard assets are deployed in the Eastern Pacific Ocean as part of the Western Hemisphere Strategy against known drug transit zones.

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SOURCE: 18 November 2019, [ABC News](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) Afghanistan – Taliban Releases 2 Kidnapped American University Professors**

(U) Kabul – The Taliban has freed two Western hostages after holding them in captivity for more than three years. The American University of Kabul professors, who were kidnapped at gunpoint in August 2016, were now in US hands. The Taliban released the two hostages, along with ten Afghan soldiers, in Zabul province near the border with Pakistan. The Western hostages were released in exchange for Taliban members. The American hostages were said to be suffering from “serious” and “multiple” health issues.

SOURCE: 19 November 2019, [NBC News](#)

**(U) Indonesia – Police Link Suicide Bombing to ISIS-Inspired Group**

(U) Jakarta – Indonesian anti-terrorism officers shot dead two suspected bomb makers during a raid. Authorities also arrested more than a dozen individuals linked to a suicide bombing last week by an Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS)-inspired network. Last week, a student, thought to be a “lone wolf,” blew himself up outside of a police station, killing himself and wounding six people. The student was later determined to be linked to ISIS-inspired Jamaah Ansharut Daulah leading to the recent raids.

SOURCE: 18 November 2019, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Mali – Army advises 24 Soldiers, 17 Militants Killed in Attack on Northern Patrol**

(U) Bamako – Twenty-four Malian soldiers were killed and 29 wounded in an attack on an army patrol in northern Mali. Seventeen militants were also killed in the confrontation. The soldiers were on a joint operation with Niger against militants operating near the shared border. The incident is the latest attack in Mali from groups with al-Qa’ida and ISIS links.

SOURCE: 18 November 2019, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Yemen – Houthis Seize Three Ships in Red Sea**

(U) Red Sea – Yemen’s Houthis seized three ships, including one belonging to Saudi Arabia, three-miles off Uqban Island at the south end of the Red Sea. The Saudi-led military coalition engaged in Yemen earlier advised that the Iran-aligned Houthi movement had hijacked a vessel towing a South Korean drilling rig south of the Red Sea. The Houthis, who have been battling the Saudi-led Sunni Muslim coalition for more than four years, provided no immediate comment on the accusation.

SOURCE: 18 November 2019, [Reuters](#)

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